

List of common violations

Below are brief descriptions of some of the more typical retail licensee violations. Please keep in mind, this is not a comprehensive list and all laws are subject to change without notice:

- ✓ Sales to/from another retailer.
- ✓ State liquor license not displayed.
- ✓ State liquor license not valid.
- ✓ Local liquor license not available.
- ✓ Illinois Business Tax (IBT) certificate not available.
- ✓ Information on documents (state/local license, IBT certificate, stamps, etc.) are not consistent.
- ✓ Pregnancy warning sign not displayed.
- ✓ Happy Hours Prohibited Law violation.
- ✓ Pre-mixed drinks not destroyed weekly, receptacle not cleaned, or cleaning record not kept.
- ✓ Sanitation violation.
- ✓ Unsanitary taps.
- ✓ Taps not cleaned weekly, cleaning record not kept.
- ✓ Brands and taps do not agree.

- ✓ Advertised brands not available.
- ✓ Taps not visible from 10 feet.
- ✓ Shot glasses less than one ounce.
- ✓ Contaminated liquor found.
- ✓ Marrying like brands.
- ✓ Offering or using any unlabeled liquor bottles for service.
- ✓ Purchases without valid license.
- ✓ Transfer of liquor to/from another location.
- ✓ Liquor brought from out of state.
- ✓ 90 days of invoices or waiver not available.
- ✓ Purchased alcoholic liquor, other than beer, while delinquent.
- ✓ Giving away of alcoholic beverages and advertising of same.
- ✓ Warehousing of alcoholic liquor off the premises.
- ✓ No access or refused access to liquor storage.
- ✓ Gambling.
- ✓ Violation of the Cash Beer Law.
- ✓ Sale of 50/100ml in violation of City

of Chicago ordinance.

- ✓ Received something of value from distributor.
- ✓ Impermissible signage and/or advertising materials.
- ✓ Sale to minors.
- ✓ Sale of single containers less than 16 oz. in violation of City of Chicago ordinance.
- ✓ Purchases outside designated territory.
- ✓ Civil Rights violation on licensed premises.
- ✓ Failure to produce requested books and records.
- ✓ Cigarette packs do not have proper revenue stamps.
- ✓ Coin operated amusement device(s) without revenue certificates attached.
- ✓ Advertisement containing the terms “free” or “complimentary.”

To gain more confidence in your ability to comply with the law, please consider enrolling your staff in a Beverage Alcohol Seller/Server Education & Training (BASSET) class. Visit ILCC.illinois.gov/basnet to learn more.